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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA AT FAIRBANKS

JUSTIN ACKER, EMILY ACKER, E.A. (2019),  
I.A. (2020; JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, JOHN DOE  
JR. (2020), AND JANE DOE JR. (2016),

**Plaintiffs.**

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PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES  
WASHINGTON d/b/a PROVIDENCE ALASKA  
MEDICAL CENTER, BARBARA KNOX, M.D.,  
and BRYANT SKINNER

Case No. 4:22-cv-00017 SLG

## Defendants

**AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENDANT BARBARA KNOX, M.D. IN  
SUPPORT OF HER MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT**

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF DUVAL )

Affiant, being first duly sworn states and avers as follows:

1. During all times relevant to the I.A. case and the John Doe, Jr. case, I was employed by Providence Health Services, a private corporation.

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- 1        2.        I was paid by Providence Health Services, and I worked at their direction.
- 2        3.        At all times relevant, Alaska CARES was an accredited member of the National
- 3        Children's Alliance.
- 4        4.        Alaska CARES utilizes the multidisciplinary team approach, as contemplated by
- 5        AS 47.14.300, to provide services to victims of abuse.
- 6        5.        My involvement with both I.A. and John Doe, Jr. occurred within the context of
- 7        my membership with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team.
- 8        6.        My role with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team was limited to evaluating
- 9        children for whom there is a concern of non-accidental trauma, rendering diagnoses regarding
- 10       7.        the same and to make recommendations as to a child's abuse-related medical needs.
- 11       7.        In my role with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team, I did not make
- 12       decisions regarding custodial placement of any child, and I did not in the cases of either John
- 13       Doe, Jr. or I.A.
- 14       8.        In my role with the Alaska CARES multidisciplinary team, I did not make any
- 15       decisions regarding the prosecution of any alleged child abuse perpetrators, and I did not in the
- 16       cases of either John Doe, Jr. or I.A.
- 17       9.        I never evaluated John Doe, Jr.'s case nor did I develop an opinion as to the
- 18       existence or lack thereof of evidence of non-accidental trauma.
- 19       10.       In late March or early April 2021, Sitka pediatrician David Vastola, MD asked
- 20       me to take on the John Doe, Jr. case but I declined and instead referred him to Seattle Children's
- 21       Hospital.
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1 11. After referring Dr. Vastola to Seattle Children's Hospital, I had no further  
2 involvement with the John Doe, Jr. matter.

3 12. I did not conspire with law enforcement, OCS, or any other governmental body  
4 to effectuate any particular result, let alone to deprive Plaintiffs of their constitutional rights with  
5 regard to custody, criminal investigation/prosecution or otherwise.

6 Affiant further says Naught.

7 Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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9 Barbara Knox MD  
10 BARBARA KNOX, MD

11 10 SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 8 day of February 2023, in  
12 Doral, Florida.

13 J Tucker

14 Notary Public in and for Florida  
15 My Commission Expires: June 15 2023



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